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Prins and Panchos are in place for Carnival 58

Aruba's 2012 Carnival season is in full swing, and the first of numerous pageants to select the royalty that will reign over the land until Ash Wednesday, February 22, took place this past Saturday evening at the Aruba Entertainment Center.

The Prins and Pancho, (Jester) are the regally garbed young men seen prancing and dancing around Carnival events, who are the official escorts of the various Queens yet to be chosen. They are selected in three categories, Children, Youth and Adult.

The process required candidates to prove their worth by entertaining, and most importantly, amusing a packed stadium of carnival enthusiasts. This often included broad, slapstick antics, and among the older candidates, gossipy, ribald and sometimes political humor.

It was a tough choice, but judges finally selected Aruba's Prins and Panchos for 2012:

- Prins and Pancho Infantil (Children) 2012**

Prins: "Kiko a pasa" Jayrick Lopez

Pancho: "Nada u'n pasa" Pressy Pesqueira representing Companashi Carnival Group

- Prins and Pancho Hubenil (Youth) 2012**

Prins: Fabu Jordan Hilario
Pancho: Loso Emon Webb representing Royal Carnival Group

- Prins and Pancho Grandi (Adult) 2012**

Prins: Bin Tuma Eduardo Loefstop
Pancho: Bo Cos Jonathan Thiel representing Champagne Carnival Group

All the candidates worked very hard to be part of this year's carnival royalty, with exceedingly entertaining and energetic routines.

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All the new prins and panchos



Appreciation for Tecla Kelly

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Crazy antics win the day



Retiring Prins and Pancho show what it takes to make the grade



We won!



Enthusiastic supporters cheer on their candidates

Last year's winners expressed their regrets as they abdicated in favor of the new Prins and Pancho and presented gifts of gratitude to various individuals who supported them during the Carnival season 57, including Tecla Kelly-Hernandez, President of the Stichting Arubaanse Carnival, SAC, the governing body of entire event.

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